pects relating to the setting up of the Institutes was also discussed. All these recommendations are being further examined.

Adoption of franked mail concept

1549. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the mounting losses being sustained by the Department of Posts in its operations, Government have at any stage, considered the desirability of adopting the Franked Mail concept; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Franking machines are already in use in the Post Offices in India for a long time. The use of franking machines helps in economising on the cost of printing and selling postage stamps. The Department encourages the use of Franking machines by licensing these machines for use at the promises of owners of these machines for pre-payment of postage. A rebate of 3 per cent of postage franked is also granted to the users of franking machines.

(b) Does not arise.

राजस्थान में प्रौद्योगिकी संबंधी प्रदर्शनी का लगाया जाना

1550. श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में प्रौद्योगिकी संबंधी एक प्रदर्शनी लगाई जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जिलावार लगाई जाने वाली ऐसी प्रदर्शनियों की संख्या क्या है ;

(ग) इन प्रदर्शनियों में किन-किन विशेष क्षेत्रों को प्रदर्शित किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "ना" हो तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रानिकी और अंतरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. आर. नारायणन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) : प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(घ) इस प्रकार की प्रदर्शनियां वित्तीय साधनों की उपलब्धता के अनुसार राज्य सरकार के अनुरोध आदि सहित विभिन्न मुद्दों को ध्यान में रखते हुए आयोजित की जाती हैं । राजस्थान में प्रौद्योगिकीय प्रदर्शनी के आयोजन करने का वर्तमान में कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Pacemarker machine at RML hospital

1551. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the reasons for which the machine required to help the pacemaker implementation was not working at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi when it was required for the Minister for Labour recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): The machines required for implementation of pace-maker to Shri Bindeshwari Dubey, Hon'ble Minister for Labour were in working order and Hon'ble Minister was treated successfully under the same machine.

Withdrawal of permission to CBI to investigate cases in Karnataka

1552. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Karnataka Government had withdrawn the blanket permission given to the CBI to investigate any case in that State;